Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 26 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Thursday 25 Mar 2021 at 16:59

Confidence: High for a couple of cold wintry days Friday and Saturday and then a return to milder conditions but lower for details regarding timing of more persistent rain and snow, especially with regard to position of slow moving band of rain Monday and Tuesday.

Headline for Friday 26 Mar 2021: Morning rain and snow giving way to sunny spells and blustery snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 26 Mar 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Light rain showers (night)	Heavy Rain	Sunny intervals	Light snow showers	Light snow showers	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	40%	80%	20%	40%	40%	50%

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Weather: Some clear spells and showers at first, the showers merging into a longer spell of rain. Then a cloudy start to the day with occasionally heavy rain snow, turning increasingly to snow above 600m, with a risk of blizzard conditions over higher summits, but becoming drier and brighter from the northwest through the late morning. The afternoon then sees a mix of sunny spells and blustery snow showers, these becoming more frequent and heavier, with a risk of thunder, through the late afternoon and evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance until late morning then around 75%, chances fall to around 40% again in late afternoon and evening.

Visibility: Periods or persistent cloud above 450-600m with patches below at first becoming more occasional above 750m by late morning, cloud becomes occasional or periods above 600m from late afternoon. Away from cloud, visibility very good or excellent falling to several kilometres in rain and lighter snow showers and a kilometre or less in heavier snow and near zero in blizzards.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	42/56 SW	45/60 SW	42/58 SW	24/35 W	26/39 SW	30/45 SW	29/41 SW	33/45 W	31/44 W
600	32/45 SW	33/47 SW	31/47 SW	19/29 SW	21/33 SW	24/38 SW	22/34 SW	24/36 W	22/34 W
300	20/39 SW	22/41 SW	20/40 SW	13/25 W	16/30 SW	17/34 SW	15/30 SW	17/32 W	16/31 W
Valley	19/36 SW	21/40 SW	19/36 SW	13/24 W	15/28 SW	17/33 SW	16/30 SW	18/33 W	17/32 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	2/-6	2/-6	2/-6	-1/-8	-0/-8	-1/-9	-2/-10	-3/-12	-4/-13
600	4/-2	4/-2	4/-3	2/-4	2/-4	2/-5	1/-6	-0/-8	-1/-8
300	7/2	7/2	6/1	4/-0	5/0	4/-0	3/-2	2/-3	1/-4
Valley	8/4	8/4	8/3	5/2	6/2	6/2	4/-1	4/-2	3/-2
Freezing Level*	1200m	1200m	1200m	700m	500m	500m	500m	500m	300m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Gusts 60mph or more until mid-morning and then around 50mph over ridges and summits in or near showers.

Forecast for Saturday 27 Mar 2021

Weather: Occasional snow showers soon die out on Saturday morning to leave middle part of the day largely dry with sunny spells. However increasing cloud will bring outbreaks of occasionally heavy snow, with blizzard conditions over higher summits, east through the late afternoon and evening, the snow turning increasingly to rain below 900m.

Maximum wind: Westerly 25-30mph, gusts around 50mph over ridges and summits especially near showers, decreasing 20mph through the morning then backing more southerly in afternoon before increasing 30-35mph in evening with gusts close to 60mph over ridges and summits.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Around 75% at first rising close to 90% by midday, chances then falling close to zero from late afternoon.

Visibility: Occasional cloud above 750m becoming just small amounts below summits by midday, lowering and thickening to become periods or persistent cloud above 450m by late afternoon. Away from cloud visibility very good falling to just a few kilometres in snow showers and heavier rain and a kilometre or less in heavier snow and near zero in blizzards over higher summits.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Around plus 1 Celsius at dawn rising to plus 9 or 10 Celsius by day.
At 800m: Around minus 3 Celsius rising to plus 2 Celsius by early afternoon.
Freezing level: Falling to around 300m through early hours, then rising to just above summits later.

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Ground Conditions Supplement
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